

JENSEN, Rev. John

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Lake Sybil (Vergas), Minnesota

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Rev. Jensen was a brother of Chris Jensen of Viborg. While serving as pastor of the Baptist churches in Centerville and Wakonda, he also served during 1938-1938 as the pastor of the Turkey Valley Baptist Church of rural Irene.

Rev. John Jensen Served
Local Church For
Total Of 14½ Years

Funeral services were held last Friday in the First Baptist church at Pelican Rapids, Minn., for the Rev. John Jensen, 68, a former pastor of the Centerville Baptist church, who passed away on Tuesday afternoon, June 21, at his home on the north shore of Lake Sybil near Vergas, Minn. Pastors Lawrence Peterson, William Van Antwerp and George Edwards officiated. Burial was in the Lida Baptist cemetery at Pelican Rapids.

OBITUARY

John Jensen was born on August 15, 1891, in Denmark and came to America at the age of 21 years, settling at Beresford, S. Dak., where he farmed with his brother Christ for five years. In 1918 he was united in marriage to Anna Nelson. Feeling the call to the ministry, he entered the Danish Baptist Theological Seminary at the Des Moines university, Des Moines, Ia. During his seminary years he served as student pastor at Dell Rapids, S. Dak., Algona and Newell, Ia. He was ordained into the Holy Ministry at Dell Rapids on June 10, 1922. In 1930 he received his A. B. degree at Buena Vista college at Storm Lake, Ia.

After his ordination in 1922 he was called to serve the First Baptist church at Centerville and Wakonda where he stayed for 14½ years. He then moved to Virginia, Minn., where he served the First Baptist church for 10½ years, moving then to Paukert, Ill., where he served the Zenobia Baptist church which was his last pastorate, closing his work there on May 1, 1950, after 38 years of active ministry.

Twenty years ago, Pastor and Mrs. Jensen purchased a lake shore lot on the north shore of Lake Sybil near Vergas, Minn. During these years they developed the lot and built a home with the intent of retirement there but enjoyed it only a short time when death suddenly came to him while working in the basement of his home.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife and a niece, Lorraine, (Mrs. Warren Wakelund) who made her home with the Jensens for many years; also two brothers and one sister, all in South Dakota, and several brothers and sisters in Denmark.